

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~comminuting~~ apparatus, especially a document shredder, comprising: an approximately funnel-shaped feeding area for the material that is to be shredded; ~~comminuted~~, wherein a flap movably arranged or the like located in the feeding area ~~constricts the feeding area to a narrow feeding path~~, the flap extending and extends across a the width of the feeding area and being movable upwardly by the material to be shredded from a lower outlet position to a raised position, the flap being movable into a raised position when a flow of the material to be shredded is reversed and in the lower position constricts the feeding area to a narrow feeding path having a width that is smaller than an open width of the feeding area and smaller than when the flap is in the raised position; and a switch connected to the flap so that when the flap is in the raised position the switch turns off a forward drive thereof is pivotaly and/or movably mounted in the feeding area.

2. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting device according to claim 1, wherein the flap is ~~movably or~~ pivotally mounted in a ~~position which unblocks~~ the feeding area.

3. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting device according to claim 1, wherein the flap has a surface located opposite a support surface for the material to be comminuted, the flap surface extending extends parallel or at in a sharp angle to the support surface toward a material feed thereto ~~in the direction toward the feed~~.

4. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting apparatus according to claim 2 1, wherein the ~~rotational axis of~~ the flap has a rotational axis ~~is~~ located in an ~~the~~ upper part of the feeding area or above the feeding area.

5. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting device according to claim 4, wherein the rotational axis of the flap is arranged behind and above a surface opposite the support surface of the feeding area.

6. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting

~~apparatus~~ according to claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein the rotational axis of the flap is pivotally mounted in an elongated hole which extends substantially ~~approximately~~ perpendicularly to the support surface of the material to be comminuted and is movable against a ~~the~~ spring force in a direction opposite ~~direction~~ to the support surface.

7. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting ~~device~~ according to claim 6, wherein the rotational axis of the flap actuates a switchgear which turns off a ~~the~~ drive when a certain force or a certain displacement path is exceeded.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting ~~apparatus~~ according to claim 1, and further comprising ~~wherein~~ an electric switchgear, ~~especially a contactless operating electronic and hysteresis-free working device~~ which turns off a ~~the~~ drive in forward operation when the flap is pivoted upwards or, ~~especially shifted in the arrow direction~~.

10. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting ~~apparatus~~ according to claim 9, and further comprising a touch

contact for bridging wherein the switchgear is bridgeable by  
~~means of a touch contact.~~

11. (Currently amended) The document shredder comminuting  
apparatus according to claim 9, and further comprising wherein  
~~the switchgear can be switched particularly by means of a contact~~  
switch which produces a temporary switch pulse both in a forward  
and reverse direction for switching the switchgear.

12. (New) The document shredder according to claim 1,  
wherein the flap is slideably pivotally mounted in the feeding  
area.